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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 6-8 with the following paragraph:

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/449,641, filed February 24, 2003, and is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/617,011, filed July 10, 2003, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING RESILIENCY IN VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS, the content of each of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.